HANDLING YOUR SEGA CD

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SET UP

1. For ESPN Sunday Night NFL, plug the Genesis Control Pad into the "Control 1" port on your Sega Genesis.

2. Make sure that there's no game cartridge in your Sega Genesis System and follow all Sega CD System directions to activate your Sega CD System.

3. If your system is already on, follow all Sega CD System directions to activate your Sega CD System.

4. If your Sega Genesis System is turned off, place the ESPN Sunday Night NFL game disc in the CD System with the label facing up, close the door and turn on your Sega Genesis System.

5. At the OPTIONS screen, you may select to have music and sound on or off. After making your selections, highlight EXIT and press the START button.
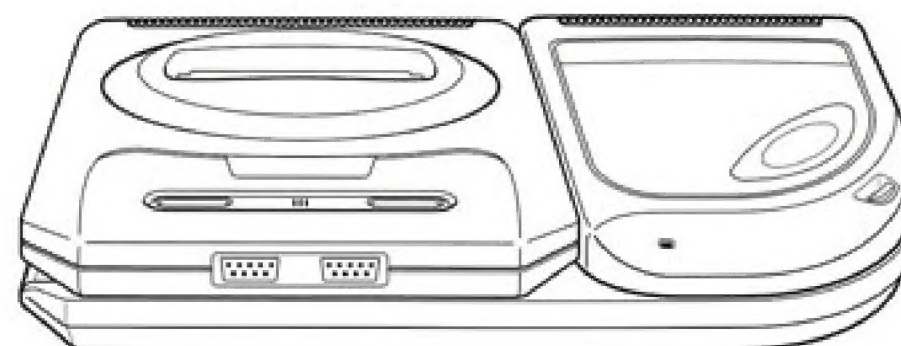
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ESPN Sunday Night NFL brings you the hardest hitting sport in the world right to your living room! Hosted by the irrepressible Chris Berman, ESPN Sunday Night NFL makes you the ultimate gridiron commander. Every team in the AFC and NFC is here for you to coach, play and take all the way to the Superbowl!

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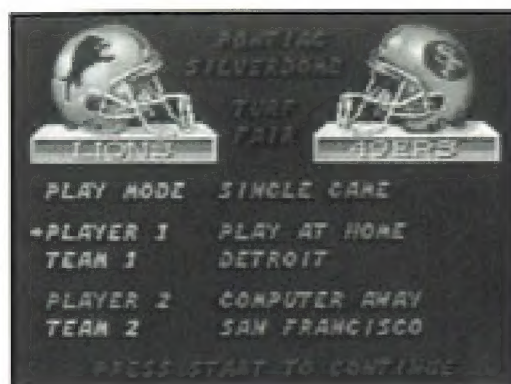
STARTING THE GAME

Insert the disc into your Sega CD and turn the machine on. Press the start button during the title screens to toggle through them until you reach the Main Option Screen. ESPN Sunday Night NFL features every team in both the AFC and NFC. Choose which team you (player1), and your opponent (player 2 or the computer), will use at this stage.

NOTE: If there is only one controller plugged in to the Sega Genesis, player 2 is preset as a computer opponent.

OPTIONS SCREENS

Customize each game to your own style of play in this mode. You are given the following series of custom settings:

Play Mode: Single Game, 1994 Season,
                  Random Season, Playoffs,
                  Continue, Load Game,
                  Save Game.

Player 1:   Choices are: Play at Home,
                  Play Away, Coach at Home,
                  Coach Away (You pick plays
                  only) Computer at Home,
                  Computer Away (Computer
                  does everything for you.)

Team 1:   Choose which team you want
                  to play. Each team shows a
                  Skills Snapshot and which
                  league and division it is in.

OPTIONS SCREENS

Player 2:   Same options as above in 2-
                  player game. Otherwise, the
                  computer plays this opponent.

Team 2:   Again, same as above . . .

The options for playing are:
1 Player - One person competes against the computer controlled team at home or away.

Head to head - Player 1 vs. Player 2.

Player vs. Coach - Player 1 vs. Player 2. Both players choose the plays, but Player 2 (as Coach) has the computer execute the called plays.

Coach vs. Coach - Player 1 vs. Player 2 - Both players only select the plays while the computer executes their choices automatically.

Coach vs. Computer - Player 1 vs. computer controlled team. Player 1 chooses the plays and the computer executes his selections.

At the top of the screen is the name of the stadium chosen for play and the surface of the playing field. These change as you play at home or away games.

NOTE: Some teams are known to perform better on turf than on grass.

Once your decisions are final, press the start button to move on to the next Options Menu.
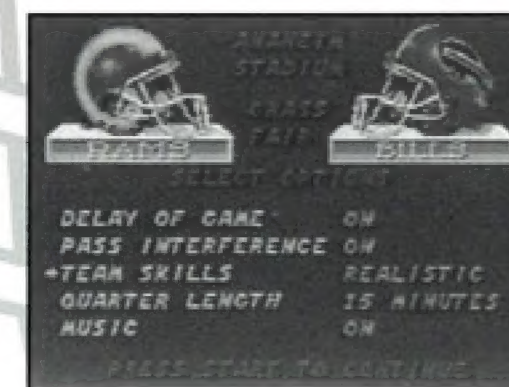
The Select Options Menu screen offers the following choices to custom design your games:

Delay of Game: On/Off.
If you need more time to choose your plays/strategies, choose "off" under the Delay of Game options. This will allow you as much time as you need in between plays. When this option is "on", the player will have 40 seconds to pick his play and get the play started.

Pass Interference: On/Off.
If you do not trust the referee's judgement, especially on those crucial pass plays, then turn the Pass Interference option off (all other penalties apply). If you want the game to run its course, then leave the Pass Interference option on.

Team Skills: Each team has a preset value for a variety of skill levels. If you leave this option at the "Real" setting, these options come in to play. If, however, you set this at "Even", then the competing teams will have even statistical weight.

Quarter Length: Set the time for each quarter at 5, 10, or 15 minutes of regulation play.

Once you have determined the details of the game, Chris Berman will appear at the desk of ESPN SportsCenter to give you the details of the coming event. The mode that you chose to compete in determines the details of Chris' report. In all cases the team stats will be displayed to inform you (and your opponent) of the relative strengths and weaknesses of each team. Once the reports are completed, you'll go to the stadium for the coin toss.

Visiting team gets to choose Heads or Tails for the toss. The winner of the coin toss decides whether to Kick Off or receive the ball. After this has been determined, the game begins.

All the legendary moves and tactics that have been shown over the years on ESPN Sunday Night NFL are now yours to command. The game of football will never be the same as you call the plays and make them happen! The Bump-and-Run Defense, the Halfback Option, the Fake-Punt Slant, they're all here with more special features to create the ultimate football challenge.

Unless there is a turnover, the receiving team begins the game on Offense and the kicking team begins at Defense. The Main Menu for plays appears between every down with the selection of plays. In the 2-player mode, once a defensive play has been selected, the screen shows a background field until your opponent has made his offensive selection. If the player on offense finishes his selection before the defensive play has been chosen, well, the defender has to do a little scrambling.

Once the Offense has made their selection, the game shifts over to the field for the play. At this point, your skills as a player take over as you try to outwit and out-score your opponent. If you chose the Coach or Computer Mode of play, the game itself takes over here and runs the play without your input.

On Offense, you have four downs (series of plays) to advance the ball 10 yards. If you are successful, then you begin a new set of downs. Continue this process until you score a touchdown or a field goal. If you are unsuccessful at making the 10 yard minimum by the fourth down and you are out of field goal range, it is advisable to punt the ball to the Defense. The winner is the team that has scored the most points by the final whistle. If the game ends in a tie, then you have one extra quarter for a sudden death playoff. The first team to score in sudden death wins the game.

As with any sport, wild and unpredictable plays are known to happen. This game was designed to utilize all the possible plays in an unexpected manner to keep your opponent off guard. Try a fake kick once in a while to keep them on their toes.
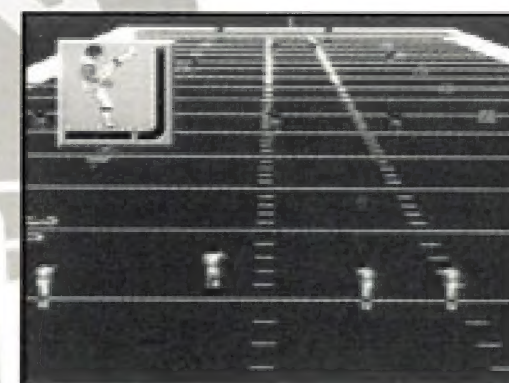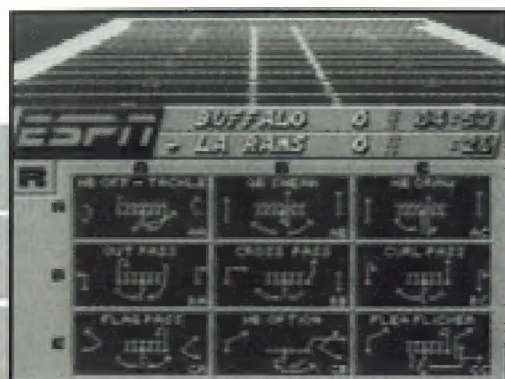
It may seem complicated at first, but once you have used it, it becomes second nature. This screen is split in two by the ESPN Stats bar. This bar flashes between the names of the teams and current score and the current quarter, down and yardline that the ball is placed on. The upper time is the time remaining in the quarter and the lower time is the 40 second play clock. The status bar shows the number of time-outs for each team.

The top three screens are for the player on defense. Selections advance each column until your choice is made.

The bottom nine screens are for offensive play selection. IMPORTANT NOTE: The column that is flashing determines which button is effected. Once you have mastered maneuvering between the plays, no defender will be able to follow your play selection!

The choices for Offense and Defense are formations first, then play selection. Certain formations should be determined by studying the placement of the team on the field, what down it is, and so on. Once the formation is determined, the player selects an appropriate play.

Once the Offensive player has chosen the play, the screen shifts to the live action playing of the game. Plays continue until each quarter ends. At the end of the second quarter is half-time. Chris Berman comes back to give a recap of the games events and prepares you for the second half. He returns at the end of the game to announce the final score and the appropriate standing of the teams that competed in his wrap-up of the game.

There is also an option to reselect the offensive play. It appears on the pause screen as reselect play. This option is only available on the formation selection; once a play has been picked and the team breaks out of the huddle, the play must be changed through an audible, or time-out.

TIME OUTS

Time Outs stop the clock until the ball is snapped on the following play. Press the start button to move to the next screen.

CONTROLLER FUNCTIONS

The various buttons on the controller have multiple functions in this game. Listed below are the controls for every stage of the game:

In Title Screens: Start button advances to the next screen.

In Main Options Screen:

B button: Pops up mode menu and selects the highlighted menu option.

Start button: Advances to next menu screen.
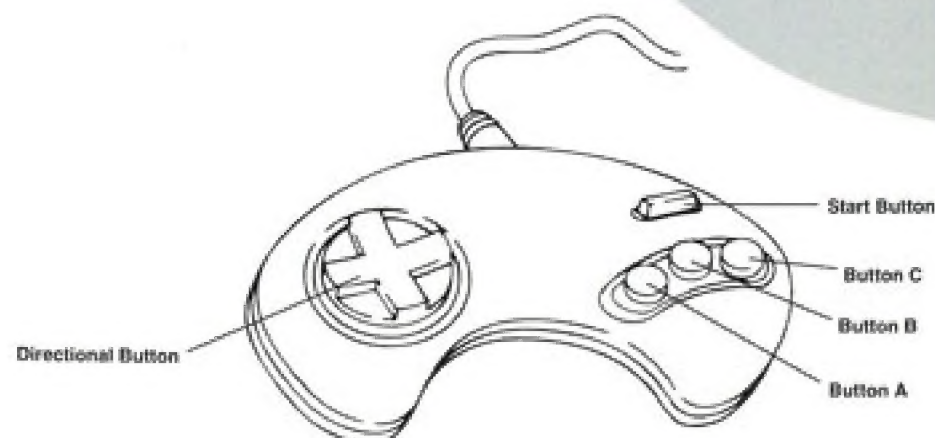
Up/Down on Control Pad: Moves the cursor.

Left/Right on Control Pad: Changes the current division when selecting the player's team.

In Sub-Options Screen:

B button: Cycle through options.

A button: Goes back to Main Options Screen.

Start button: Advances to next screen.

Start Button

Button C

Button B

Directional Button

Button A

CONTROLLER FUNCTIONS

In Season Menus:

Start button: Play the game with the teams indicated by the helmets at the top.

B button: Selects option.

During Game Play:

OFFENSE

Left and Right Fire buttons: Select left or right direction of the play.

A, B & C buttons: Selects play.

A button: Calls up the audible, does a spin move and scans through the available receivers.

B button: Hikes the ball, activates the receivers, throws the ball, speed burst.

C button: Dives.

DEFENSE

Left/Right on the Control Pad: Cycles through plays

A, B, & C buttons: Selects play.

A & C buttons: dive/tackle.

A button: Gets the player closest to the ball.

B button: Gives a speed burst.

C button: Dives/Tackles.

A, B & C buttons: selects one of the audibles.

Passing: Your greatest weapon as a quarterback is the ability to choose your receiver. The targeted receiver automatically runs to where the ball is thrown until controller inputs are detected which send him in another direction. A receiver controlled by a gamer has a slight advantage over one controlled by the computer. Get a feel for moving the player after the ball is in the air.

Kicking: The player controls the kicker and executes each kick. There are three options for style of kick to choose from (use the one most appropriate for your team's position on the field).

A power meter shows up to register the force and direction of the kick. Touching the B button starts/stops the power bar (2 times), once for force, then for direction. There are three types of kicks to choose from when you perform a kickoff:

Deep Kick - this has a long hang time and allows your special teams players time to get down field and tackle the ball handler.

Squib Kick - short, low and straight, you want this kick when you don't want to risk a runback from your opponent.

Onside Kick - Use this when you want to risk "stealing" the kickoff from your opponent, but if he receives the kick safely, his team will have excellent field position.

Punting: Many conditions go in to the strategy and execution of punting in this game. Instead of having a generic punt option, there are several choices for the punting team. This allows you a better chance to place the ball (or fake out an opponent) in the best possible way. When you choose Kick from the playbook, several options for punting appear. Choose the one that best fits your team's position on the field or see if you can catch your opponent off guard with a fake! The same meter for the kick appears as does on the Kickoff mode.

No-Huddle Offense & Audibles: Once you have familiarized yourself with the playbook, you can run a No-Huddle Offense. This adds a level of play that will keep your defender guessing! When the playbook screen is shown, choose the No-Huddle option and go right back to the formation you previously ran. You audibilize from the line of scrimmage by pressing in the play sequences you have memorized from the playbook—before the play select comes up. This way, there is no possible way the defender can guess your play, and he'll have to scramble to cover your team. The code shown in the blue box in the corner of the Play Select Screen is the code needed to enter that play from the current formation. If the Offensive player runs the No-Huddle from the end of a play, the playbook will not be seen. Selecting No-Huddle is not necessary for calling audibles and is better used to give you the same play used on the last snap of the ball. All audibles use the last formation selected and so identical audible codes mean different plays based on the formation the team is in.

Flip Plays: Players can flip the direction of the play they are running to offset a defensive strategy. This maneuver will force the defense to disguise its blitzes and adds another strategic element to the game play.

Length of the Game: You are able to set the length of the game for 20, 40 or 60 minutes. The game is played in quarters (5, 10, and 15 minutes, respectively), with a 2-minute warning before half-time and the end of game. Keep an eye on the time clock to make sure you maximize the amount of play time. The clock is stopped on a safety, a field goal, a change of possession, a time-out, an incomplete pass, a touchdown or a penalty. The clock is not stopped when a player runs out of bounds except in the final two minutes of the first half and the final five minutes of the last half.

Time Outs: Each team receives three time outs per half. Players can use time outs at any point during the game, however, time outs that are not used by the end of a half are cannot be used in the next half. Time outs cannot be called when a play is in progress. Use these strategically to utilize the game clock to your own advantage!

Penalties: You have the option to choose if penalties are part of the game or not. You may find it easier to learn the mechanics of the game with the setting off. After you have mastered the finer points of the game, try playing with it on. This definitely adds to the realistic feel of the game play.

Points: Listed below are the points that a team makes in the game:

Touchdown - 6 points. This occurs when a player breaks the plane of the defender's end zone while carrying or receiving the football.

Point After (Kick) - 1 point. After every touchdown, the scoring team is allowed a kick for an extra point.

Two-Point Conversion - 2 points. Instead of taking the kick, a team may opt to run or pass the ball into the end zone from the 3-yard line for a 2 point conversion and on the three yard line for an extra point attempt. This was formerly seen on collegiate level games prior to the 1994 season.

Field Goal - 3 points. When a team is close enough to the defender's end zone for this kick, yet too far to make a safe conversion from 4th down, they try for one of these. These usually determine the outcome of a game when the play goes into overtime.

Safety - 2 points. This is an uncommon event. It takes place when a defender tackles an offensive player (or makes him run out of bounds) in the end zone. The team that scores the safety receives the ball on the next set of downs by a special Punt-style kickoff.

Glossary of Abbreviations of Positions:

C - Center
RG - Right Guard
RT - Right Tackle
RE - Right End
LT - Left Tackle
LG - Left Guard
LE - Left End
TE - Tight End
QB - Quarterback
RB - Running Back
FB - Fullback
WR - Wide Receiver
K - Kicker
P - Punter
KR - Kick Returner
PR - Punt Returner
LOLB - Left Outside Linebacker
ROLB - Right Outside Linebacker
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DB - Defensive back
RCB - Right Cornerback
LCB - Left Cornerback

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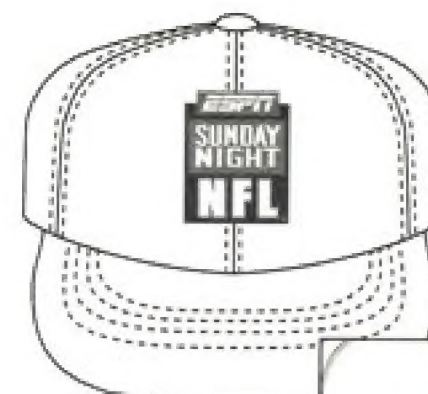
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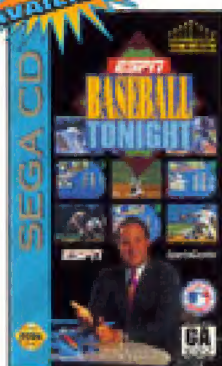
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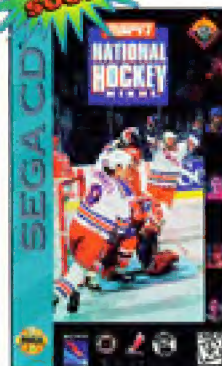
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